

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th September 2014

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Monday is the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady; Saturday, the Memorial of St. John Chrysostom.

We extend a warm welcome to **Mary's Meals!** Our thanks to all who have handed in bags of clothing and fabric and to all who will buy raffle tickets. This charity can always count on your support!

We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Peter MacDonald, Peggy MacAskill, Agnes Currie, Frank Gribben, Duncan Kennedy, Colin Clark, Teddy Brady, Emily MacDonell, Bernie and Eugene Pratt, Janie Taylor and Neil MacDonald.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The parishioners in Ballachulish and Kinlochleven thank you most sincerely for your support. The raffle tickets you bought raised £80 for this small parish.

Bishop Toal's presentations from priests and Faithful were quietly moving. We wish him every blessing in the future. We thank Father Míceál O'Neill, an Irish Carmelite priest, for the excellent talks he gave the clergy on Pope Francis's "Joy of the Gospel".

The collection for the **Ecclesiastical Students' Fund** is due this month. We will have it in two weeks' time.

Fr. Stanislaw has arrived safely in Warsaw. Next week he begins his studies in Dogmatic Theology at the University of Cardinal Wyszyński. He will also help out in the parish where he is staying. In two years' time, he should be able to present his doctoral thesis, entitled, "*The relationship between violence and religion in the works of René Girard and its theological reception and transformation by the Dramatic Theology of Raymund Schwager S.J.*" We wish him every success! Later, as Christmas approaches, you may wish to send a card to Father Pamula. His address is:

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The "**New Anniversary Book**" is now rather old! To make it more accessible on Sundays, it has been moved to one of the tables next to the benches at the back of the church. Please put the names of your loved ones in this book as soon as possible: otherwise we cannot remember them at our Sunday Masses.

"Take and drink"

Take this cup lovingly in your hands. Drink from it the love that died for you.

It is the loving cup of our friendship. Be faithful to me as I am to you.

It is the cup of the blood shed for you. Let my purifying blood wash you clean.

It is cup of my Passover from death to life. Be alive in me as I am in you.

It is the cup of the Samaritan's wine. Let my wounded love heal the hidden wounds of your heart and soul.

It is the cup of Gethsemane. I will always be with you in your time of suffering and fear.

It is the cup of sacrifice. May your life be a fragrant offering, as was mine from manger to Cross.

It is the cup of my eternal desire: that you drink with me at my Father's table when the Kingdom at last will come.

Take and drink, that your heart be filled anew with the warmth of our love.

Take and drink, that my joy be your joy.

Take and drink, dear friend of my heart.



Terrorism is the tactic of demanding the impossible, and demanding it at gunpoint.

(Christopher Hitchens)

Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad. He who said: "This is my body" is the same who said: "You saw me hungry and you gave me no food", and "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me"... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices when your brother is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well

(St. John Chrysostom)

Each of you is a unique child of God. God knows you individually. He sends messages of encouragement, correction, and direction fitted to you and to your needs.

(Henry B. Eyring)

I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him.

(Booker T. Washington)

A quarrel between friends, when made up, adds a new tie to friendship.

(Saint Francis de Sales)

There is nothing in philosophy which could not be said in everyday language.

(Henri Bergson)

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

(Don Marquis)

The striking thing about the Precious Blood is the bond it establishes between love and suffering in our experience, a bond that has become so close that we have come to think of suffering accepted with joy as the most authentic sign of love with any depth at all.

(Gabriel Marcel)

Philosophers are adults who persist in asking childish questions.

(Isaiah Berlin)